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burned at 11:30, 1900. On this there is an insurance to the amount of \$475,250. The losses were: Joseph, H. & Co., \$3,435; bales, insured for \$100,000; J. H. Smith & Co., \$100,000; bales; insured for \$267,000. Street Bros., \$80,000; bales; insured for \$465,000. M. K. Pollitzer & Co., \$30,000; bales; insured for \$3,500. Pelze, Rodgers & Co., 6 bales; insured for \$250. Several frame dwellings in the neck neighborhood were damaged to an extent aggregating about \$8,000. The fire was extinguished by the fire department. The fire was the work of an incendiary. A man was hauled by the watchman a few minutes before the fire was discovered running from the place where the fire started. The catchman shot at him, but he escaped.

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COALITION STATE TICKET.

AUGUSTA, ME., Jan. 1.—The Greenbacker and Democrats combined to-night in caucus and nominated the following State officers: Secretary of State, E. H. Gove, of Biddeford; Attorney-General, William H. McLellan; Adjutant-General, Samuel D. Leavitt.

The Republicans nominated the following

Massachusetts Legislature.
BOSTON, Jan. 1.—The State Legislature met this morning. The Senate elected J. B. D. Cogswell President and the House Levi C. Wade, of Newton, Speaker. Stephen Gifford was elected Clerk of the Senate and George A. Marton Clerk of the House. Oreb F. Mitchell, of Bridgewater, was elected Sergeant-at-Arms.

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Fairfield Boiler Explosion.
TERRE HAUTE, IND., Jan. 1.—An explosion of three boilers occurred this afternoon at the distillery of Hulman & Fairbanks. William Day, colored fireman, and Frank Hughes, a boy, aged fourteen years, were instantly killed.

The damage is \$3,000. The three boilers were torn to fragments. A piece of one was thrown across the Wabash river. The ruins of the distillery caught fire, which, however, was soon subdued. The exploded boilers were new ones. Three other batteries of three boilers each stood unharmed. The cause of the explosion is not known.

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Cleveland and Pittsburg railroad.

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Notes Preferred to Gold.
PROVIDENCE, R. I., Jan. 1.—The resumption of specie payments to-day did not cause a ripple at the banks or in financial circles. Very few wanted checks paid in gold, and some banks received more gold on deposit than they paid out. In all general business transactions bills were preferred. Even savings banks depositors took their interest in bills rather than gold.

THE POTTER COMMITTEE.

Its Session in New Orleans Closed.

NEW ORLEANS, Jan. 1.—At to-day's session of the Potter committee John Ray, counsel for Secretary Sherman, filed a communication setting forth that he had no intention of offering further evidence on the subject of intimidation.

Ex-Governor Michael Hahn was examined and corroborated the statement of ex-Secretary of State Desha, to the effect that blank commissions of appointment for supervisors of registration and clerks had been furnished to

George L. Smith for use in the fourth Congressional district. Again at the time was State registrar of votes. The witness testified that while superintendent of the mint here he appointed Thomas D. Jenks to a position. The only recommendation Jenks had was a

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He was the chief who originally proposed to send them to the Missouri River, and that afterward, in a conversation with Crook, he was arranged with him how they were to be moved; that subsequently a change of front occurred on the part of the Indians, and then Crook changed his mind. Now, how did this occur? If say 15,000 Indians went to the Missouri River, their supplies would take a year's time to get there, and the Indians, after a year's time, would be starved.

For officers connected with the Indian service, the conditions are like those that are liable to involve trouble and disaster.

General Sheridan then refers to the reports of the several military Indian Cheyenne agencies and Captain Rainbird (Fort Hall agency), which are given in full, which shows that there is a great deal of sympathy among the figures and a disposition of supplies sent to agencies and supplies received, and closes by saying that at similar correspondence, and allowing some of the irregularities from 1889 to 1894, is in the hands of the Indian Bureau, and that the quarters a mass of telegrams and letters on the same subject and of the same import that came from the Indian Bureau, and which cover the period when the Indian Bureau was under the War Department, sometimes at request of the Indian Bureau and, sometimes for humanity's sake; that the briefs of irregularities are given in full, and that the Indian Bureau, under General Gibbon's and General J. M. Smith's reports on the same subject. The briefs, extracts, and reports, running from 1871 to 1894, are given in full, and are referred to by General Sheridan's and Lieutenant Leach's reports, are couched in nearly twenty pages of closely printed matter, and are replete with details of the Indian service.

The great majority of the agencies in the Indian Department of the Missouri, and through a Board of Commissioners, the mismanagement of affairs in the Indian service.

In the opening of his speech in support of his resolution (December 11), the Senator from Maine distinctly stated that the resolution was based on accounts given in the press. Well, the press has teemed with statements, which if true, require the investigation proposed by my amendment, and as I have no doubt that the members of the committee read the newspapers quite as diligently as I do, it is probable they know where to look for the source

Third—A copy of an opinion of Judge Freedman touching the rights of certain naturalized citizens of New York, which rights were grossly violated by said Davenport, as set forth in said petition.

Fourth—I respectfully refer you to that portion of the speech of Senator Wallace (one of your number), delivered in the Senate on December, 1878, which relates to the last elec-

very person in the civil service of the Government, and to public contractors and others having relations with the Government. I am, very respectfully, your obedient servant.

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Walking Match.

MONTICELLO, N. H., Jan. 1, Charles D. C.

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SAN FRANCISCO, Jan. 1.—Wells, Fargo & Co.'s annual statement of precious metals produced in the States and Territories west of the Missouri River, including British Columbia and the receipts in San Francisco from the west coast of Mexico during 1878 shows the aggregate products as follows: Gold, \$55,000,000; silver, \$10,000,000; platinum, \$500,000.

640; Utah \$8,664,913; Colorado \$6,237,277; Nevada \$5,200,000; New Mexico \$4,200,000; Idaho \$2,915,904; Mexico (west coast), \$1,591,095; British Columbia, \$1,983,490. The bullion from Comstock alone contained 45 per cent of gold. The total value of the so-called base bullion from Nevada 20 cents, was gold, and of the whole product of State 35 per cent, was gold. All probability is that the bulk of the gold and silver from all the sources named for 1870 will greatly exceed \$70,000,000.

Funeral of General McCallum.

New York, Jan. 1.—The funeral service over the remains of Major-General Donald M. Callum, superintendent and general manager of military railroads during the rebellion, was held yesterday afternoon, at his late residence, No. 157 Halsey street, Brooklyn. He deceased was dressed in his military uniform and repose in a silver casket. The casket was surrounded by wreaths composed of rare flowers, also Maconia apron of deceased, he having been member of Manual Lodge, Grand Orient, Maconia apron of deceased, he having been member of Manual Lodge, Grand Orient, St. George's Episcopal Church, Green pastored. Major William McCallum, son of deceased, who is stationed at Fort Laramie, Wyoming, was present during impressive ceremonies. It was the wish of deceased to be buried on a small island he

the approaching session of Parliament, I propose the appropriation of a sum to enable Canadian manufacturers to take part in international exhibition to be held at Sydney, Australia, during the summer of 1879.

Melbourne will also have an exhibition in 1880, and it is probable that a similar vote will be asked for that exhibition.

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Escape of Convicts.

RICHMOND, VA., Jan. 1.—Intelligence received here this evening of the escape of

Philadelphia, November 5, 91. Ancona, arrived at Fayal December 16, leaky.

Progress of the Southern Pacific Railroad
(Special dispatch to the National Republican)

END OF TRACK, S. P. R. R.,
A DONDE, A. T., December 31.

Laid 5,000 feet of track yesterday; nearly thirty miles from Yuma.

I. H. STROBRIDGE,

morning Christopher Dillier, a friend of the place, was shot through the left lung by unknown party, robbed of \$100, and thrown down an embankment into the Bush Creek. He is now lying in a critical condition.

1. *Chlorophyll a* (Chl a) and *Chlorophyll b* (Chl b) are the two main photosynthetic pigments in green plants. They are responsible for capturing light energy and converting it into chemical energy through the process of photosynthesis. Chl a is the primary pigment, while Chl b acts as an accessory pigment, transferring energy to Chl a.

The Suffering Poor of England.
LONDON, Jan. 1.—The distress among the poorer populace seems about stationary at the great industrial centres. The Lord Mayor of London writes that he considers it inadvisable to start a central fund for London, as he gathers that the distress is not at present

COST OF THE STRIKE.

LONDON, Jan. 2.—The Oldham masters, at yesterday's meeting, refused to pledge themselves to any reduction in the cost of the place or exempt carders from the reduction. The loss in wages by the strike amounts to £200,000, besides the expenditure of the Union in the strike, which is estimated at four million besides. The Sun Mill, which is the largest spinning mill in Oldham, announces a loss of £20,000 during the last three months of the year. This the loss does not include any loss sustained by the cotton famine.

HEAVY FLOODS.

LONDON, Jan. 1.—The recent sudden thaw has caused numerous floods in England and Scotland. At Nottingham the flood is the greatest since it has been forgotten for years. The country is everywhere flooded, and the roads are flooded for miles. Much damage is reported at Boswell and Aberdare.

ADVANCEMENT OF CANADIAN TELEGRAMS.

LONDON, Jan. 1.—The Viceroy of India telegraphs that General Stewart reports the completion of a good road, suitable for heavy artillery, over the Ghoree Pass. Advances have been made in the Ghoree and Kijack Passes to show, with the intention of encouraging at Tabdity, for the final advance of Canadian. The force is reliable reports that the Canadian force has been sent to the regiments and a few hundred regulars, desti-

ROMER TO BE SENT TO AMERICA.
CONSTANTINOPLE, Jan. 4.—United States Consul-General Huxp has obtained \$200 from Romer's expenses. Romer will leave for America on January 2.

HISMARCK'S TARIFF BILL.
LONDON, Jan. 2.—The *Times*' correspondent at Berlin says a majority of the Federal Council are friendly to the general principle of Prince Bismarck's financial scheme. It is thought that Prince Bismarck will secure the support of the rural members of the Reichstag.

An Aged Clergyman Gone.
CLEVELAND, Jan. 1.—Rev. Samuel C. Alken, D. D., for thirty years pastor of the First Presbyterian Church, died at his residence this morning, aged eighty-eight years.

Caleb Cushing Seriously Ill.
NEW-HAVEN, Mass., Jan. 1.—Hon. Caleb Cushing is quite ill to-day. His illness causes much anxiety to his friends. Mr. Cushing is

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fourteen years when she fell into the mine and
died; and that memorable event may have
occurred hundreds of years ago; for she is now
nothing but a mummy.

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